

on 1.11.1991, the traffic staff was allegedly manhandled by the staff of U.P. Roadways. A case u/s 353/186/332/506 was registered at P.S. Kashmiri Gate against the Roadways staff. The Delhi Police has further reported that a complaint was made by U.P. Roadways Employees Joint Council alleging that the local police had distorted the incident of 1.11.91 and requesting that the case registered against the Roadways staff should be dropped. The Delhi Police have reported that the matter was inquired into by the Dy. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and the complaint could not be substantiated.

#### **Committee on Promoting Production of Sugarcane**

1429. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee has been constituted by the Government to promote the production of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of reference; and

(c) when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) No Sir, The Ministry is not aware of the Committee which has been constituted to promote the production of sugarcane;

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

#### **Impetus to Agriculture Education**

1430. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: the steps taken by the Government to give further impetus to Agriculture education to make it job oriented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): Sir, The Government has taken following steps to give impetus to agricultural education and make it job oriented:

- (i) Agricultural Universities have been established in each major State.
- (ii) These institutions are financially supported to create infrastructural facilities for practical training.
- (iii) Facilities for refresher training are being given to the teachers to keep them abreast with new knowledge and skills.
- (iv) Scholarships/fellowships are given to attract meritorious students to the agricultural education.
- (v) The courses and curricula are revised from time to time through Expert Committees to make them job oriented and also to include new areas of learning.
- (vi) Practical training has been made an integral part of curriculum to improve the skills and to create self confidence in students.

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#### **Fisheries as an Industry**

1431. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare fisheries as an industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?